

THIRTY KILLED,
7 WOUNDED IN
BIG EXPLOSION

Du Pont Powder Factory
Blowup Is the Worst
in Many Years.

FLESH PICKED UP
IN SMALL CHUNKS

Only Hole in the Ground
Marks Spot Where the
Building Stood.

WILMINGTON, Nov. 30.—Thirty
workmen were killed and seven
injured today in an explosion of
about four tons of black powder at
the Upper Hartsley yard of the Du
Pont Powder company. It was the
worst accident that has occurred in
any of the company's plants in a
quarter of a century.

The cause of the blast is not known.
According to a statement issued by
the company the origin "probably al-
ways will remain a mystery." Never-
theless a most searching investigation
has been instituted.

There was the usual rumor about
that some outside agency had in-
duced the explosion but officials of
the plant said tonight there was no
evidence to support such a theory.

Nearly all the victims of the blast
were young men between 16 and 25
years of age. The greater number of
them lived in and about Wilmington.
The explosion occurred in a packing
house where black powder pellets are
prepared for shipment. These pellets
are used in rifles and for other pur-
poses. Much of the powder, it was
said, was being shipped to the nations
engaged in the European war.

Bodies Torn to Pieces.
It was 1:30 o'clock when a slight
explosion was heard followed by an-
other, a trifle heavier, which was
quickly succeeded by a terrific blast
that not only rocked the whole city,
but shook and started Wilmington.
When the smoke cloud disappeared
there was only a big hole in the
ground marking the spot where the
packing house had been.

Twenty-six men were in the pack-
ing house when the powder went off
and not enough of any of them was
found for identification with the ex-
ception of Allan A. Thaxter, the fore-
man, whose home was Portland, Maine. Part of his body was found
floating on a tree across historic
Brandywine creek.

It was identified by shreds of cloth-
ing that still clung to it.
Arms, legs and bits of flesh were
found as far as a quarter of a mile
distant from the scene of the disas-
ter. Parts of the bodies of two
horses caught in the blast were blown
more than a quarter of a mile.

A Gruesome Task.
One workman who rushed to help
at whatever rescue work there was
to do, said an arm floating down in
the rapid current of the creek and
fished it out with a stick.

Four of the thirty men killed were
blown to pieces while at work out-
side the packing house. The work of
gathering up what was left of the
dead was a gruesome task. Baskets
and boxes were employed for this
purpose and the men searched the
ground for bits of flesh as though
they were picking mushrooms. Some
climbed trees and a crowd of
parties of human bodies and small
pieces of clothing.

Company officials said there were
about eight thousand pounds of pow-
der in the packing house at the time.
The property loss was small.
The men injured were outside the
plant. They were struck by bits of
machinery, flying boards, rocks and
other debris and all were badly muf-
fled. They were rushed to hospitals
in this city. One or two had been
killed and several lost an arm or a
leg. Physicians said they were so
badly injured that none of them is
expected to survive.

Spark Caused Explosion.
One theory advanced by workmen
at the yard is that the explosion may
have originated in a spark from a
horse's shoe or from a spark caused
by a small cart running over some
spilled powder.

The shock of the blast struck terror
to the hearts of residents of settle-
ments along the Brandywine, accus-
tomed as they are to powder mill ex-
plosions. Every home in the neigh-
borhood is represented among the
employees of the plant. There was a
rush to all the gates by relatives and
others to learn if any one had been
killed. Every entrance was barred
by uniformed and armed guards. No
one was admitted except some of
those who rushed out from Wilming-
ton in automobiles when they learned
the seriousness of the accident.

Rescue Parties Work.
BOOMER, W. Va., Nov. 30.—Rescue
parties worked desperately tonight to
penetrate mine No. 2 of the Boomer
Coal & Coke Co., where an explosion
caused by a blowout occurred today.
Three hundred miners were at work
at the time. Mine officials declared
that all but forty had been accounted
for, but other reports said more than
twice that many had been imprisoned.

Rent your rooms The World Want
Ad way—save time and worry.

Live Fox, Pal of Collie and Terrier, Rides Down Fifth
Avenue, N. Y., on Automobile and Proves Sensation



MRS. GILBERT A. SULLER, PET FOX AND DOGS.
NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—Pet dogs on the seat of automobiles are common enough sights in New York, but
blue Broadway and Fifth avenue opened wide its eyes when Mrs. Gilbert Suller, in a touring car dashed down
the thoroughfare with her pet terrier, collie and a live fox seated beside her.
"Foolish," as the 3-year-old pet fox of Mrs. Suller is known, was brought up on the both and is as friendly
as either "Happy," the Irish terrier, or "Teddy," the stately collie. The three are inseparable companions and
enjoy the motor rides together.

EMPTY STOCKINGS
STILL PREVALENT

World Again Calls for Con-
tributions to Help
Fill Them.

A DELAY IS COSTLY

Give What You Can Now;
Humane Society to Be
in Charge.

REGARDLESS of the general pros-
perity of the city there are al-
ways empty stockings to be filled in
Tulsa at Christmas time, and this year
is no exception to the rule.

The World today announces the in-
auguration of its annual empty stock-
ing campaign in behalf of the poor
families of the city. A. M. Welch,
agent of the Tulsa County Humane
society, and his assistants will have
charge of the distributions. The
World will raise the funds, purchase
the food supplies, candles, clothing
and toys and, of course, in
placing them the day before Christ-
mas.

Last year the empty stocking cam-
paign netted nearly \$100. Toys, shoes
and stockings, candy, nuts and food
were distributed to more than two
hundred homes and hovels in all parts
of the city and its suburbs.

Securing the Names.
Agent Welch has already started a
canvass of the city and its environs,
and within three weeks time will have
a complete list of every deserving
poor family and every poor child in
the city.

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STRONGER METHODS
TO HANDLE PRESS?

LONDON, Nov. 30.—(16:15 p. m.)—
Sir John Simon, secretary of state for
home affairs, served notice on Lord
Northcliffe today in the House of
Commons that if the "gentler way"
heretofore pursued to induce his
newspapers to stop the "continual
floodings of his own nest" did not prove
effective, "it was perfectly possible to
take stronger measures."
"I do not know Lord Northcliffe,"
said the home secretary, "but he ap-
pears to be a gentleman with the curi-
ous habit of always itching to de-
stroy things he has made. Like the
prophets of Babel he leaps on the al-
lars he has made. We in this country
know how to estimate the value of
these laudable prints, but they are a
disappointment to our allies and a
source of disgust to neutrals."
The subject arose over an attack by
Northcliffe papers on Sir John Simon
in consequence of a reply the latter
recently made to a question in the
house of commons in which the home
secretary intimated that differences in
the Times were quickly gleefully by
newspapers in hostile countries and
were proving harmful to the national
interests.
"In one week in October," he said,
"the Cologne Gazette on four days
made use of this matter to show that
the British people were dissatisfied and
beaten."

BURNS WRIT DENIED
BY SUPREME COURT

Attorneys Will Now Apply
for Writ of Pro-
hibition.

HEARING IS TODAY

High Tribunal Fails to
Grant the Relief
Requested.

Special to The World.
OKLAHOMA CITY, Nov. 30.—The
application for a writ of manda-
mus to compel Judge Conn Linn of
Tulsa county to disqualify himself to
sit further in the case of Foster N.
Burns, chief of police of Tulsa,
against whom action has been taken
to oust him from office, was denied
by the supreme court today. Attor-
neys for Burns say they will imme-
diately apply for a writ of prohibition
to prevent the judge sitting in the
case.

It was represented to the high
court that a conspiracy was extant in
Tulsa to oust certain city officials by
others who were disappointed in
late political contest in which the
present city officials were victorious,
and that Judge Linn was so connect-
ed with the recent calling of a grand
jury that he was disqualified to sit
in any proceeding having to do with
the rights before the court of Chief
Burns.

The supreme court, after hearing
the arguments of attorneys for Chief
Burns and the state's representatives,
decided that the showing made by
the side applying for the mandamus
was insufficient.

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Wilson's Toast

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 30.—Presi-
dent Wilson's international toast
was offered at the adjournment of the
"gathering of nations" at noon on
closing day, December 4, at the Pan-
ama-Pacific exposition was made
public here today. Efforts are under
way to have the toast given simulta-
neously in various parts of the
United States and in many cities of
other parts of the world at 12 o'clock
noon, San Francisco time. The toast
follows:
"White House, Washington, D. C.,
the Panama-Pacific International Ex-
position."
"Which in its conception and suc-
cessful accomplishment gave striking
evidence of the practical genius and
artistic taste of America."
"Which in its interesting and un-
usual exhibition afforded impressive
illustration of the developments of
arts of peace; and
"Which in its motive and object
was eloquent of the new spirit which
is to unite east and west, and make
all the world partners in the common
enterprises of progress and humanity."
"WOODROW WILSON."
"President of the United States."
As the president's message is read
to the assemblage wireless flashes will
be sent out notifying the world.
President Moore will then tele-
graph President Wilson a response.

ENORMOUS BOUND
IN BANK CLEARINGS

W. A. Brownlee's Report
Surpassed Wildest of
Forecasts.

A PROSPERITY WAVE

November Showed 52.5 Per
Cent Increase Over No-
vember, 1914.

W. A. BROWNLEE, manager of
the Tulsa clearing house
association, reported last night that
the clearings of Tulsa banks for the
month of November totaled \$5,521,-
513. For a corresponding period in
1914 the clearings summed \$3,585,-
579. The increase of November,
1915, over November, 1914, is there-
fore 52.5 per cent, figures which in
themselves are remarkable and
bound to attract attention throughout
the country.

Never before in the history of
Tulsa banks had a month's clearings
been so extensive. The nearest ap-
proach was in March, 1914, when the
total reached \$5,128,802. The clear-
ings for every week of November
were in excess of those of all other
weeks, and prospects for December
showing even greater figures are very
bright.

There are several reasons for this
increase.
\$50,000 Cotton Pic.
CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas, Nov. 30.—
Four hundred and ten bales of cotton,
valued at \$20,000 was aboard the self-
propelling barge Pioneer of the In-
ternational Transportation company of
this city when it burned today at Port
O'Connor, Texas. The loss of the
barge was estimated at \$25,000. The
craft had grounded, and while the
fire was working to float the boat,
the fire started. It was built at New
Orleans in 1914 and was three hun-
dred feet long and piled between here
and Galveston.

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ONLY
21
Buying Days Till
Xmas

Read the Ads
SHOP
EARLY

Heavy Early Buying Results
in Era of Prosperity in All
Principal Southern Cities

13 MEMBERS OF
POLICE FORCE
ARE LOPPED OFF

Shump in Revenues Forces
Public Safety Commis-
sioner to Act.

DETECTIVE CHIEF
IS AMONG "FIRED"

Last Month's Receipts Show
a Total of Only One
Thousand Dollars.

THIRTEEN members of the Tulsa
police department were request-
ed to turn in their badges last night
at 7 o'clock and Commissioner T. J.
Quinn announced that one of the five
stations might have to be closed next
month as a result of a decided fall-
ing off in municipal revenues.
"It is not unlikely," said Commis-
sioner Quinn last night, "that city
employees will have to receive their
salaries in script if we do not close
one of the five engine houses or dis-
cover some other means of reducing
expenses."

The city is facing bankruptcy, ac-
cording to Commissioner Quinn, who
declares that the 6 mill tax levy is
wholly insufficient to meet the cur-
rent expenses of the three depart-
ments under his jurisdiction, fire, police
and health.

"Blue Envelope" List.
The police department employees
who were let out last night are as
follows:
Chief of Detectives J. H. Patton;
Plaintiff Thomas J. Y. Brand, Joe Leg
Beccaro, T. L. Powell and Walter
Overby; Patrolmen W. H. Clark, W.
C. Maupin, Robert Rogers and Sam
Walkers; extra men, J. W. Lovey and
Harry Sanders; and motorcycle offi-
cers C. B. Hingey and A. D. Nichols.

The only members of the detective
force left are Pete Joyce and Law-
rence Dewey. However, the two as-
sistant desk sergeants will be assigned
to plainclothes work, and Bertillon
Expert Harry Stone will have to do
street work, according to Commis-
sioner Quinn.
Chief street sergeants will be assigned
to patrol duty and their offices
eliminated.

Revenue Falls Off.
There are now twenty-two men on
the police department, which has
been without a chief since the return-
ing of the late Chief.

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INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS

Former Secretary of Commerce and
Labor Urges Readiness.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 30.—Charles Nagel,
former secretary of commerce
and labor, in an address here today
urged the industrial and commercial
preparedness of the nation for de-
fense.

"National defense without some
kind of industrialism is impossi-
ble," he said. "But industrialism alone
cannot constitute national defense. If
we embark on a national defense plan
it will require a plan for the intelli-
gent and self-restrained use of na-
tional power."

Appeal for General Blanco.
LARISSA, Nov. 30.—It was learned
here today on reliable authority that
Carranza adherents generally favor
the execution of former General
Lucio Blanco, now imprisoned at
Torreon. General Carranza, exhorting
by American friends and admirers of
General Blanco to extend executive
clemency, recently refused to in-
tercede.

Canadian Loan Over-Subscribed.
OTTAWA, Ontario, Nov. 30.—The
fifty million dollar Canadian domestic
war loan has been described twice
over. More than twenty-five thou-
sand separate subscriptions were re-
ceived.

FOR SALE—30 shares American
Teleglobe company stock par
\$10 share) for \$325 for quick sale.
A. L. Diebel, Little Rock, Ark.—Adv.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Pros-
perity prevailing in the south-
ern states was reflected today in re-
ports of business conditions from all
the population centers. Heavy early
buying pressures follow Christmas
stockings than in several years at the
close of an autumn season, during
which regular trade has been un-
usually heavy.

A sure index of the wonderfully im-
proved business conditions are the re-
markable high clearings of the larger
cities. For last week Memphis re-
ported the high water mark in clear-
ings, an increase of 83.9 per cent over
the same week last year. Atlanta re-
ported an increase of 47.2 per cent
while every city which reported from
the month showed gains of almost
similar proportions.

The restoration of cotton to a solid
price foundation more diversified
crops and economy in production are
declared by business men to be lead-
ing factors in the improved condi-
tions. More foodstuffs were raised by
southern planters than ever before and
that much of the money which went
elsewhere for necessities of life in
other years was kept at home.

Although as such freight congestion
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FIERCEST BATTLE
OF WAR IS NOW ON

Austro-Italian Frontier De-
mands Attention for
the Present.

ITALY IS GAINING

Greece's Delay Adds to
the Anxiety of the
Allied Powers.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—(19:15 p. m.)
Interest in military operations has
been transferred from the Balkan
theater of war to the Austro-Italian
frontier where King Victor Emman-
uel's troops are carrying on a vigor-
ous offensive against the Austrians.

During the past few days the most
sustained and fiercest of attacks
have been attacking the Austrian
bridges and mountain positions
along the Isonzo river and are slowly
driving their posts across the
Gorizia and Dobruja. Their attacks
have been repeated time after time
against positions which had been most
carefully prepared and while the
Austrians have been repulsed,
their positions are considered to be
in such a position as to prepare the
public for their retirement from
Gorizia at last.

Ties Up Austrians.
This for the present is Italy's con-
tribution to the Balkan operations of
the allies for it keeps a large force
of Austrians busy at making it impos-
sible for them continually to bring up
reinforcements which could be em-
ployed against the Montenegrins and
Serbians. The Serbians, unless fol-
lowed into Albania, may in time, it
is believed, reappear as a reinvigorated
army. It is said that two hundred
and fifty thousand Serbians, including
soldiers and civilians, have taken
refuge there and that they have saved
all their munitions, batteries and a
portion of their field guns.

German papers state that Field
Marshal von Mackensen's army with
Bulgarians and Turks is to be directed
against the Anglo-French forces in
the south, but it is thought many of
them will go down the Danube to
meet the Russian menace. The public
is expecting every day to hear of the
movement of the Russian army, which
the emperor recently reviewed in
Bessarabia, but apparently the nego-
tiations with Rumania for the use
of the Danube have not been con-
cluded. A Budapest report goes so
far as to say that Rumania has re-
solved to use the river through Rumania
into Italy, which would be the more con-
venient route for an attack on west-
ern Bulgaria.

Greece Delays Again.
There seems to be some hitch in the
allied negotiations with Greece. Noth-
ing is forthcoming as yet regarding
the latter country's reply to the latest
demands for guarantees of safety and
facilities for the entente's armies
operating near the Greek frontier. The
Greek reply was expected yesterday
and the delay in its receipt leads to
the supposition that the Greek gov-
ernment is not prepared to go as far as
the entente powers desire.

Artillery, grenade throwers, miners,
sappers and airmen continue their ac-
tivity on the western front and
British monitors also are attacking
the Germans along the Belgian coast.
The Russians by a counterattack in
the region of Bloukist have driven
Field Marshal von Hindenburg's men
a little further from the Dvina river.
These, however, are only incidents be-
lieved to have been undertaken to
test the strength of the opposing
armies.

KAISER BACK OF
PLOT TO SUPPLY
GERMAN SHIPS

Government of Germany
Supported Move of Ham-
burg Line Officials.

DR. BUENZ TAKES
THE WITNESS STAND

Had Planned in 1913 for
What Happened a Year
Later, He Says.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—The Ger-
man government was revealed
today as the manager of the move-
ment to supply German cruisers at
sea with coal and supplies shipped on
neutral vessels from American ports
early in the war by testimony of Dr.
Karl Buenz, managing director of the
Hamburg-American line. Doctor
Buenz took the witness stand late
today in the trial of himself and other
line officials and employees charged
with conspiracy to defraud the
United States.

Doctor Buenz, elderly and some-
what infirm, was assisted to the wit-
ness chair soon after William Rand,
Jr., had concluded the opening ad-
dress to the jury on behalf of the de-
fense. Previously Federal Judge Howe
had asked a question, by Mr. Rand to
dismiss the indictment.
Dropped in the witness chair and
under the friendly guidance of counsel,
Doctor Buenz, sketched his 72-
year career during which he had
served his country abroad—in the
United States, in Mexico and in Haiti
—in the consular or diplomatic ser-
vice until three years ago when he
was made directing head in this coun-
try of the Hamburg-American line's
affairs.

Planned for in Future.
In the fall of 1913 Dr. Buenz tes-
tified, he received from Hamburg a
letter which notified him that his
superior officers and the German
government had signed an agreement
which would become operative in
time of war and which there was not
then a whisper—and that an abstract
of this agreement would be sent
shortly to the German consul general
in New York, where he might see it.
The letter then outlined the salient
points which were recalled by Dr.
Buenz about as follows:

"That the Hamburg-American line
would undertake to send coal and
supplies to any German warships
necessitating them in the Atlantic ocean."
That certain methods of communi-
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GEN. VILLA HAS DISAPPEARED

His Forces Defeated and Scattered,
Bandit Leader Hides Out.

NOGALES, Arizona, Nov. 30.—His
forces defeated and scattered by the
Carranza army of General Manuel
Dignague at Hermosillo, Francisco
Villa, the insurgent leader, has dis-
appeared, according to reports re-
ceived here today by General Alvaro
Obregon, the Carranza military chief.
The report was based apparently on
statements of prisoners.

General Dignague's victory at Her-
mosillo is said to have been complete.
Three hundred Villa soldiers were
found wounded after the battle. Six
hundred were reported to have been
driven south of Mazamela, while two
hundred more gave up their arms to-
day at Hano.

The remainder of Villa's forces ex-
isting in the Carranza army by Gen-
eral Jose Rodriguez are reported to be
isolated and surrendering in small
groups. Their trains with two thou-
sand men were reported to have been
abandoned at Mazamela, 34 miles
south of Nogales and 124 miles north
of Hermosillo.

WOMAN LABOR LEADER FREED

Not Guilty of Having "Incited to Per-
sonal Assault" in Strike.

PATERSON, N. J., Nov. 30.—Eliza-
beth Gull, Flynn, a labor leader,
today was found not guilty of a
charge of "inciting to personal as-
sault" in the silk mill strike in Pat-
erson in February, 1914.

Miss Flynn was charged with hav-
ing made speeches to strikers to in-
duce them to riot. She testified that
she was induced to speak to the strikers
by officials of the Industrial Workers
of the World. She added that she is
still connected with that organization.

Revolution Report False.
WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—In view
of recent reports of revolutionary ac-
tivities in Guatemala the state depart-
ment today issued this statement:
"The department is in receipt of
advice from the legation at Guate-
mala to the effect that although re-
ports from the United States have
reached Guatemala that a revolution
is taking place in the latter country,
the reports appear to be false.
Guatemala City is absolutely quiet and
has been for many months."
Senator Works Through.
LONG BEACH, Cal., Nov. 30.—
Senator John D. Work, announced
today that he would not be a candi-
date for re-election. He is a Repub-
lican and his term expires March 4,
1917. Senator Work is 70 years old.